

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 are amended.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1 and 8 are amended to obviate this rejection.

Claims 14-17 are rejected as being Product by Process claims. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

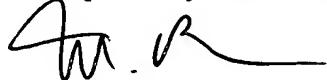
A Product by Process claim, which is a product claim that defines the claim product in terms of the process by which it is made, is proper. (MPEP §2173.05(p)). The product must be rejected by art that discloses or suggests the claimed product. As to the product, "the structure implied by the process steps should be considered when assessing the patentability of product-by-process claims over the prior art" (MPEP §2113). The process of claim 1 lays in the structure produced and no art has been applied to reject that structure.

Claims 14-17 each claim a product, an electro-optical device, an integrated circuit, a circuit board and an electronic apparatus, defined in terms of the process by which they are made, respectively. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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